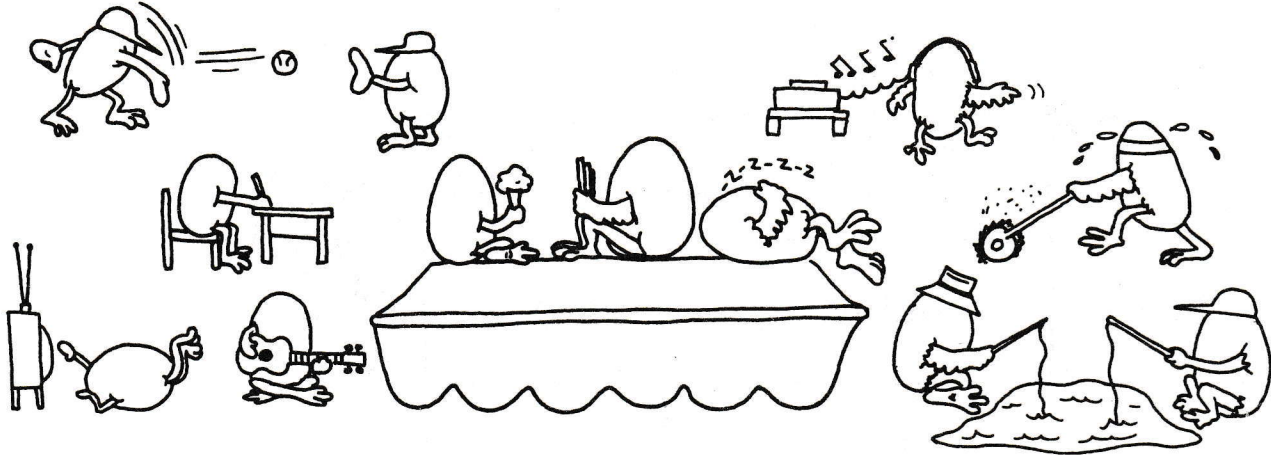


# CHEEPERS BY THE DOZEN

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of **be**. Read carefully for clues to the time of action.



1. I \_\_\_\_\_ very puzzled now.
2. There \_\_\_\_\_ twelve eggs in this carton when I bought it.
3. Today there \_\_\_\_\_ only six!
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ ready to cook them last Monday.
5. This \_\_\_\_\_ very confusing right now.
6. These six \_\_\_\_\_ a different color when I brought them home.
7. You \_\_\_\_\_ eager to see baby birds yesterday.
8. Now it \_\_\_\_\_ easy to show you.
9. Here \_\_\_\_\_ six freshly hatched chicks!
10. Until now, this \_\_\_\_\_ a real mystery.

Pretend you're a chick. Describe what it is like inside a shell!  
Write at least three sentences with the present tense form of **be**,  
and three with the past tense form.